WHAT'S COOKING AT THE ESRGC?

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ESRGC – For more than a decade...

• Established in 2004 as a self-sustaining collaboration between the MSRC, the TCCLESM, and SU

• Multi-pronged service mission

- Enable state-of-the-art GIS capacity for governments, non-profits, and businesses on Maryland's Eastern Shore
- Expand GIS capacity for fellow MD state agencies
- Empower partners through technology transfer
- Educate the next generation of the GIS workforce
- Embody the SU commitment to community service

ESRGC – All About the Partnerships...

- We don't have clients we have partners
 - Federal Government
 - State Government
 - Local Governments
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Businesses
- Some of these partnerships are long-running but most we try to leave self-sustaining

ESRGC – Workforce Development...

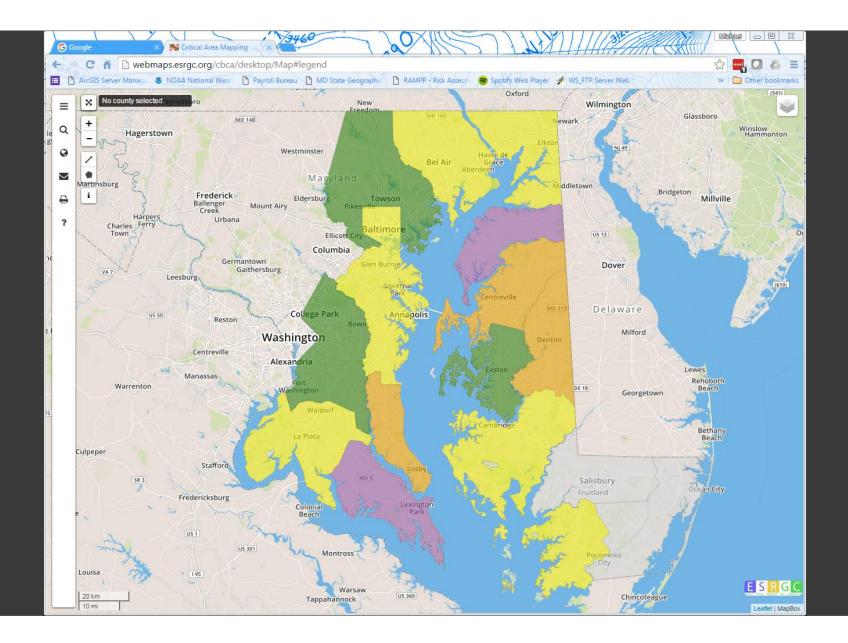
- Facilitated well over 120 GIS internships
 - Under ESRGC staff supervision
 - Within the Department of Geography and Geoscience
 - On-site at a partner location
- Different specializations
 - GIS Technical Interns
 - GIS Programming Interns
 - GIS Management Interns
- More than 90% of our GIS interns have continued on to geospatial careers, most of those in Maryland.

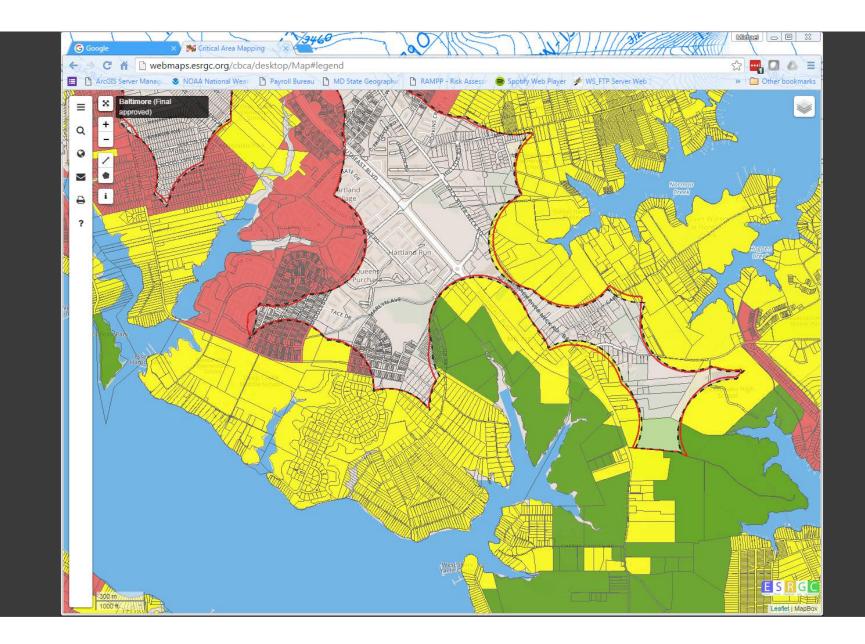
ESRGC – Project Highlights...

- Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Remapping
- Topographic LiDAR Server, Viewer, Training
- Sea-Level Change in the Chesapeake Bay
- Pedestrian Access for Wicomico County School Children
- Open Source GeoDashboards
- Agricultural GIS Project

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Remapping

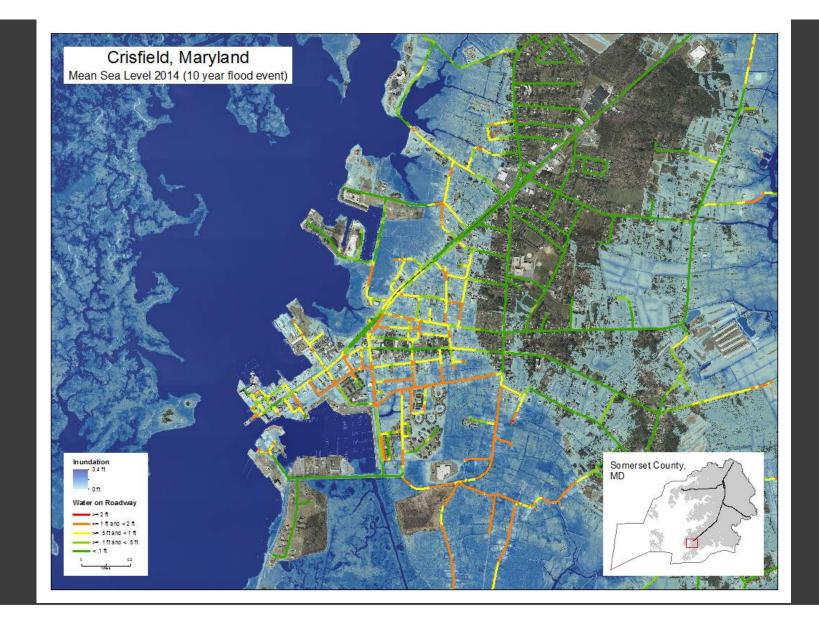
- Replacing the 1980s-era paper maps governing development within 1000' of the Bay and its tidal wetlands with a digital product that is
 - Consistently derived
 - Able to be updated/corrected
 - Seamless
 - Able to be superimposed on other maps
- This year, 6 counties will likely have new maps adopted and all counties preliminary mapping will be done

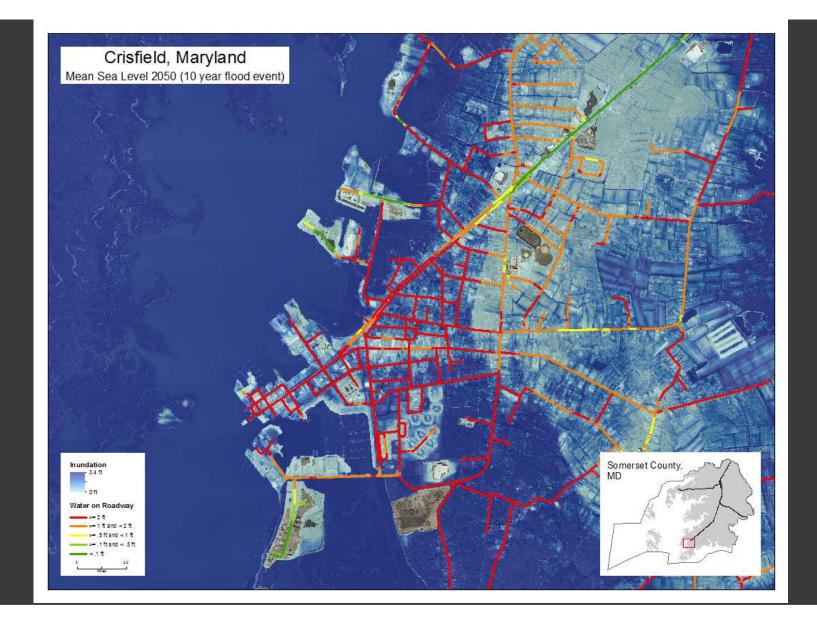




Sea-Level Change in the Chesapeake Bay

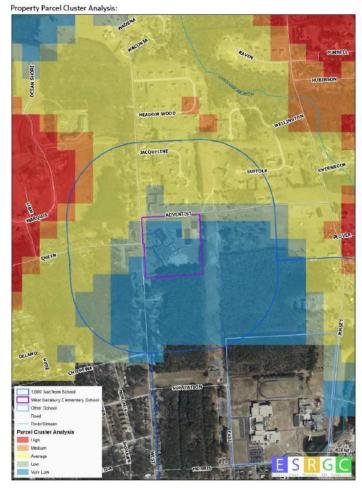
- Began (and continues) as a prioritization project for MDSHA
- Made three important methodological improvements to SLC modeling
 - Including impact of SLC on periodic flooding
 - Removed one important caveat to bathtub modeling
 - Creation of a vulnerability indicator for road segments
- Now, we've applied the method to specific areas in Somerset and Kent Counties, more to come





Pedestrian Access/Wicomico County Schools

- Hundreds of children walk to school each day in Wicomico County but many use dangerous roads with no sidewalks
- Each level of school has a designated distance where students will not be bussed they must walk
- Resources are limited so
 - Which sidewalk links are existing/missing?
 - Where should sidewalks be installed to connect to the most students?
 - What would be the cost of installing sidewalks at each school and throughout the County?



Identified Priority Sidewalk:

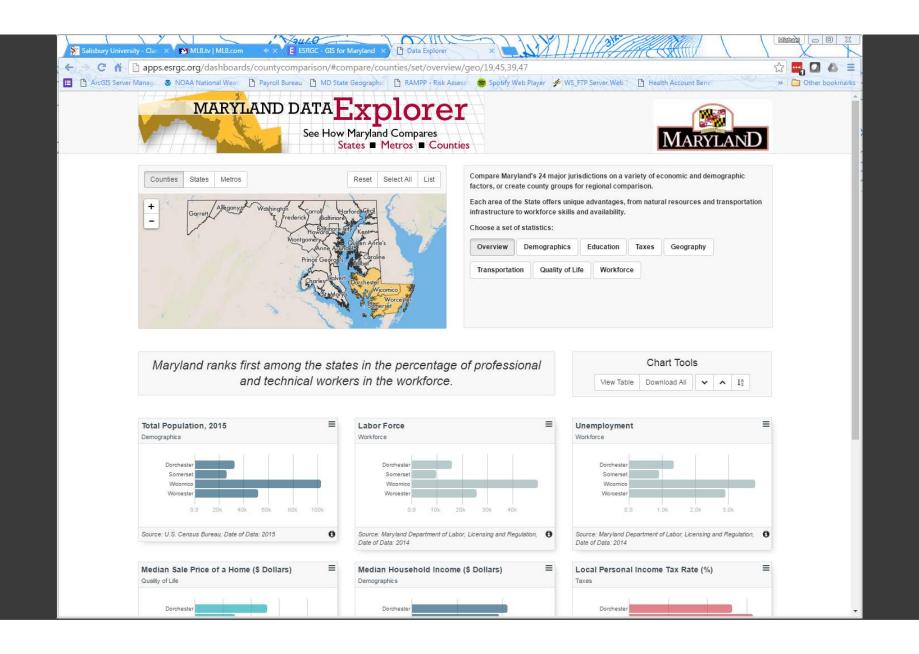


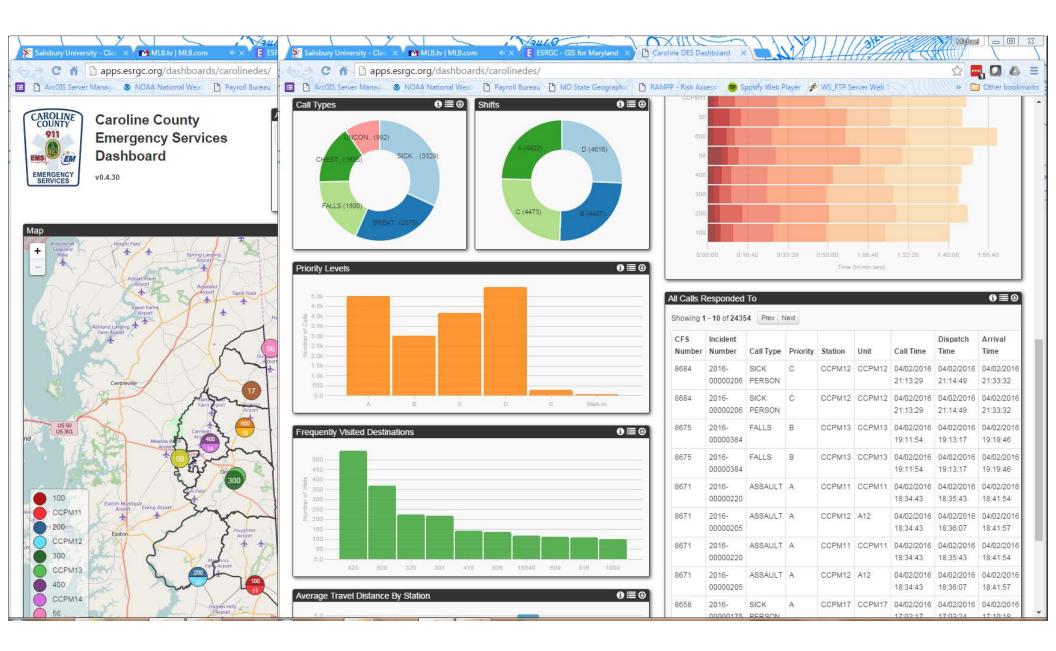
ESRGC: Open Source Geodashboards

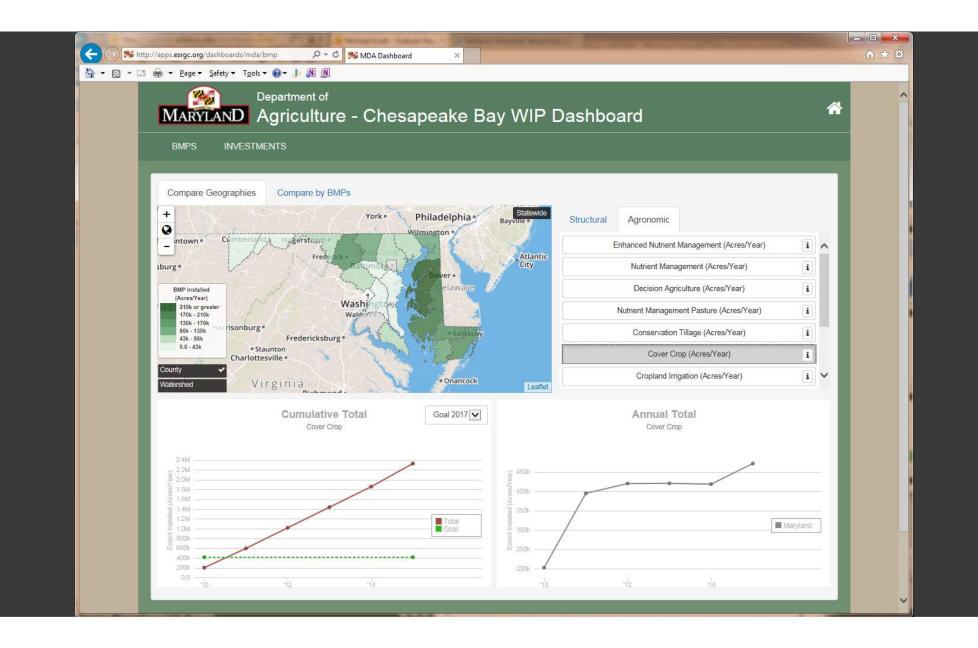
- First began creating geodashboards in 2010
- Open source solutions from the start
 - Many client-partners are not traditional GIS software users
 - Want to avoid recurring software costs
- Server-side: Node.js, PostGRES, Linux in the cloud
- Client-side: HTML 5, Javascript, D3.js, custom libraries
- Mapping: GeoJSON, Leaflet, MapBox, Esri ArcGIS for Server, AGOL

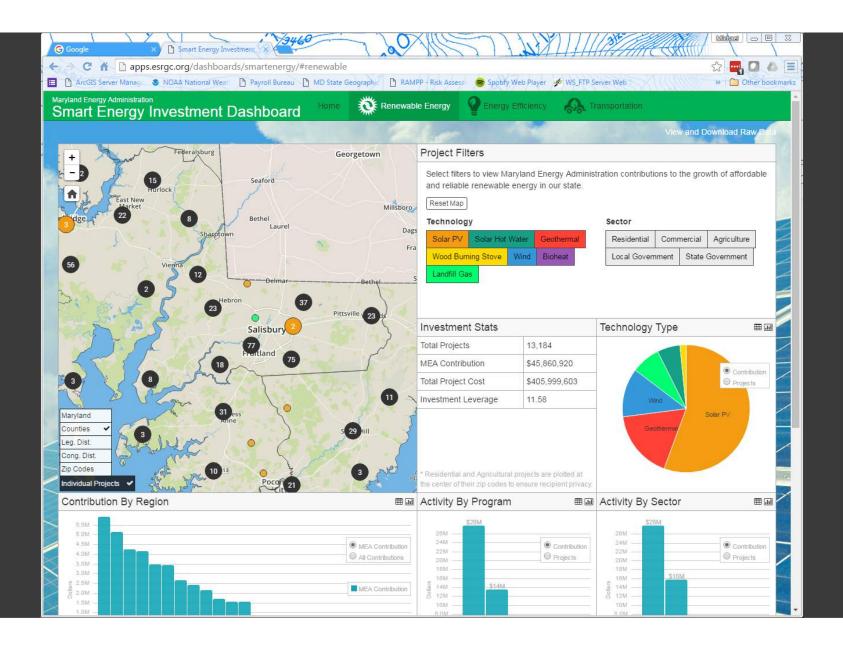
GeoDashboards Examples

- Maryland Data Explorer
 - Economic Development Data Dashboard
- Causes of Chesapeake Bay Pollution
 - A component of the Maryland's BayStat initiative
- Caroline County Emergency Services Dashboard
- Give Where You Live
 - Maryland Dept of Housing and Community Development
- <u>Chesapeake Bay WIP Dashboard</u>
 - Maryland Dept of Agriculture
- <u>Smart Energy Investment Dashboard</u>
 - Maryland Energy Administration









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Agricultural GIS Project

- Brand-new effort, funded through the regional councils via the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund
- Work with farmers directly to leverage existing GIS datasets and those collected by their precision ag equipment to drive efficiency and effectiveness
- Example projects might be:
 - Nutrient management plan support
 - Deer damage assessment and mitigation actions
 - Organic farming data management and geolocation
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